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ST. CLAIR COUNTY - Solid Waste Disposal
Sauget/Paul Sauget

TO: Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Land Pollution Control

FROM: Kenneth G. Mensing, Sanitary Inspector,
Region II

SUBJECT: Sauget - Paul Sauget Waste Disposal Site Profile

- April 11, 1966 - Inspection of site, open burning, open dumping.
- May 10, 1966 - Inspection of site, open dumping of refuse.
- March 2, 1967 - Inspection of site, open dumping of refuse.
- March 16, 1967 - Registration forms were received from Sauget & Company.
- October 18, 1967 - Inspection of site revealed eleven (11) violations of the Illinois Refuse Disposal Law and pertaining Regulations.
- November 1, 1967 - Inspection of site; same violations present as observed on October 18, 1967.
- November 29, 1967 - Inspection of site, same violations present as observed on October 18, 1967.
- December 28 & 29, 1967- Inspections of site, same violations present as observed and January 22, 1968 on October 18, 1967. Twelve (12) violations of the Illinois Refuse Disposal Law and pertaining Regulations. A certified letter and telegram were sent to Mr. Paul Sauget on January 25, 1968, listing the violations noted and informing him that the site was not acceptable for receiving refuse.
- January 30, 1968 - Received letter and telegram from Paul Sauget which stated he will comply with the pertaining Law and Regulations and requested an inspection on February 29, 1968.
- February 1, 1968 - Inspection of site, observations indicated that action had been initiated towards correcting the violations.
- February 2, 1968 - Telegram sent by this Department stating that the site was satisfactory for the acceptance of refuse.
- February 9, 1968 - Inspection of site, found to be in compliance with the Refuse Disposal Law and Regulations.
- February 15, 1968 - Inspection of site, operation was deemed satisfactory.
- February 20, 1968 - Inspection of site, found to be satisfactory.

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- March 5, 1968 - Inspection of site, lack of cover material along edge of active fill area.
- March 14, 1968 - Inspection of site, operation found to be satisfactory.
- March 21, 1968 - Inspection of site, lack of cover material along edge of active fill area.
- April 15, 1968 - Inspection by this Department revealed operation had deteriorated. Violations observed were: scavenging, not providing daily cover material, exposed refuse at several locations along west side of site due to erosion of the cover material, septic tank leaching ponds located on the completed fill area were overflowing over the edge of the landfill onto adjacent terrain, and the completed fill areas had not received a final depth of 24 inches of cover material.
- April 25, 1968 - Inspection of site, same violations present as observed on April 15, 1968.
- May 23, 1968 - Inspection of site, no improvements had been rendered, in fact, further deterioration of site had occurred.
- June 27, 1968 - Inspection of site, further degradation had occurred. A certified letter was sent to Mr. Paul Sauget discussing the eleven (11) violations observed and that the site is not acceptable for the receiving of refuse.
- July 10, 1968 - Inspection of site, no improvements had been made, no daily cover, a smoldering fire was observed at south end of fill.
- July 11, 1968 - Inspection of site, no operational improvements made.
- July 13, 1968 - Inspection by this Department revealed the same violations were existant, as well as the following additional items: Attendant was engaged in the burning of other combustible wastes at the brush burning site, access to the site was not totally restricted as attendant stated four (4) loads were dumped during the night, and debris had been openly dumped into liquid chemical ponds.
- July 14, 1968 - No operational improvements made. Refuse was not receiving daily cover, no landfill equipment observed on the site while refuse was being dumped, septic tank wastes had been openly dumped along south edge of fill, sign at entrance indicated site is closed on Sundays, but site was open and refuse was observed being dumped, and attendant was observed scavenging through refuse.
- July 22, 1968 - Inspection by this Department revealed that the face of the fill was not receiving daily cover, the shelter was not screened, exposed refuse still existed along the entire west edge of the site (except for 20% of the total area where earth had been applied), open chemical ponds and wire dumping

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site contained debris that required daily cover, and haulers were dumping at the site. Improvements since last inspection were: The loading of salvaged items onto a semi-trailer, and the restricting of combustible wastes at the brush burning site.

- July 23, 1968 - This Department requested injunctive relief through the St. Clair County States Attorney's Office.
- August 6, 1968 - Inspection of site, not receiving daily cover, open pond of chemical wastes, access to site not restricted, no portable fencing provided.
- August 7, 1968 - A hearing before Circuit Court Judge Troy was postponed from August 7, 1968 to August 14, 1968.
- August 13, 1968 - Inspection of site, improvement of site restrictions, screened shelter has been provided for the attendant, additional cover material has been placed on the northern half of the landfill site, additional cover material had been spread along the west slope of entire site, portable fencing had been installed along the east side of the active operation.
- August 27, 1968 - Inspection of site, evidence of entrance around cable, yesterday's refuse was well covered, good supply of cover material.
- August 30, 1968 - Letter to Paul Sauget stating that the site was in compliance and was now acceptable for receiving refuse.
- September 4, 1968 - Inspection of site, essentially in compliance except for deposition of chemicals.
- September 13, 1968 - Inspection of site, site in compliance.
- October 1, 1968 - Inspection of site, some scattered refuse present, area needs policing.
- October 22, 1968 - Inspection of site, present fill area has extended past the portable fencing, present fill area has extended south to within 100 yards of the sewage lagoon.
- November 25, 1968 - Inspection of site, the portable fencing is not properly located, chemicals and oil are being dumped at the west side of the present fill area.
- December 23, 1968 - Inspection of site, litter was scattered throughout the fill area, sufficient portable fencing was not provided, face of the present fill area is not receiving sufficient daily cover, exposed refuse was noted at the face west of the unloading area.
- January 20, 1969 - Letter sent to Paul Sauget detailing the violations observed during the December 23, 1968 inspection.

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- Inspection of site, site is in need of policing, more fencing is needed, salvage materials and lumber are stored throughout site.
- Inspection of site, not covering daily, portable fencing not adequate, unsatisfactory salvage operations, litter is not policed sufficiently.
- Inspection of site, exposed refuse observed, portable fencing inadequate, refuse is not being covered daily.
- Letter sent to Paul Sauget informing him of deficiencies observed during May 16, 1969 inspection.
- Letter from Air Pollution Control Board to Jim Keehner, Office of the Attorney General informing him of a fire which raged out of control at the Sauget landfill on April 9, 1970.
- Inspection of site, adequate daily cover is not being provided, an area approximately 50 feet by 50 feet of exposed refuse was present, portable fencing was not being provided, roads were not being maintained properly, entire site was in need of policing.
- Letter sent to Paul Sauget describing the deficiencies observed in the May 14, 1970 inspection, requested to correct immediately.
- Inspection of site, extensive burning of refuse including tires.
- Inspection of site, the fire on June 18, 1970 had been extinguished, improvement of site, one small area of exposed refuse.
- Inspection of site, adequate daily cover of all refuse is not being provided, entire fill face is exposed, completed portions of the fill have not received the required final cover.
- Inspection of site, daily cover of all refuse is not being provided, entire face of fill was exposed which is approximately 100 yards long by 10 to 15 feet high. Sanitary Inspector Andy Vollmer took color pictures on both days.
- Letter to Paul Sauget pointing out the violations observed during the July 29, 1970 inspection, informed to correct violations immediately. Requested to submit statement outlining plans for providing the required final cover on all finished portions.

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